



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 333

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 6, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Supreme Court Access to Justice Fund: This fund and new court fee is intended to support programs related to interpreter services within the courts and probation and access to justice for indigent and pro se individuals.

Automation fee: This bill will increase the Supreme Court automation fee from the current \$6 per case to \$8 per case. The automation fee funds the Court's JUSTICE case and financial management system for the state trial courts. The increase is required for (1) an expected increase in the Court's annual retainer fee to the Office of the CIO which covers the Court's portion of the ninety-four AS-400 computer systems that provide hardware and maintenance for trial courts; and (2) covering the conversion of Douglas County District Court and Separate Juvenile Court to the statewide JUSTICE system within the next year including the additional costs for the 175 court staff and judges to be equipped with personal computers, printers and other hardware and software items.

Judicial Branch Education: This bill will increase the Judicial Branch Education Fee from the current \$1 per case to \$2 per case in order to provide full funding of training and education for all employees and officers of the judicial branch.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Brad Ashford